

WHAT'S HAPPENING WEDNESDAY

Kansas Immunization Program

May 1, 2019

VFC Consultant On-Call

The Consultant On-Call can be reached Monday—Friday, 8:00am—5:00pm at 785-296-5592.



CHIEF CHAT

As part of this week's recognition of National Childhood Immunization Week, the 2019 Childhood Immunization Champions have been announced. Please see the full article on page three of this edition of *What's Happening Wednesday* for information about the Kansas Champion!

Today is the deadline for submitting 2019 Vaccine for Children Program (VFC) annual enrollment forms to the Kansas Immunization Program (KIP). All enrollments must be entered by the KIP with validation of providers by May 8. Any provider who has not submitted required forms and You Call The Shots completion certificates by today is subject to suspension from the VFC program on May 9. All instructions and forms may be found on [the VFC page of the KIP website](#).

As most are aware, the United States (U.S.) is currently experiencing the largest number of measles diagnosis since the disease was declared eradicated in this country. We are fortunate at this point that Kansas is not among the states experiencing an outbreak and to date we have not had a case reported in 2019. We

must remain vigilant and use the information being shared nationally to encourage all Kansans to be fully up-to-date on the measles, mumps, and rubella (MMR) vaccine. Please see page four of this issue of *What's Happening Wednesday* for information released this week from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) related to the outbreaks and the strong recommendations for prevention.

We have received questions about when to vaccinate patients who may or may not need a first or second dose of MMR based on the information known by the provider. We specifically asked for some clarification from the CDC and it was suggested that we use the practice of "when in doubt, vaccinate."

If you have not booked your hotel for the 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference, please do so now. Many of the host hotels have blocks of rooms that are running out fast and some have deadlines in the next week to two weeks for ending the special rate for the conference. See page five for specific information.

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INJECTION OF EDUCATION

Many of us like to have things neat and tidy, on time, and in order. Unfortunately, life isn't always neat, tidy, and on time. Family schedules can be very hectic and the next thing they know, their child is behind on vaccinations. Appointments are often made, cancelled, or missed. If a child is more than a month behind the recommended immunization schedule, an accelerated schedule should be started. Be sure, when using an accelerated or catch-up schedule, you are using the appropriate intervals between vaccine doses. This year the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) has updated not only the [2019 Recommended Child and Adolescent Immunization Schedule](#), they also changed the [Immunization Schedule](#) webpage to be searchable by [age](#), [catch-up schedule](#) and [medical conditions](#).

There are times when an appointment is made too early for the child to receive needed vaccinations or the child happens to be there with a sibling or parent and is a little too early for the next vaccine. In this case, you could use the four-day grace period. The four-day grace period is not meant to be used routinely but offers the option of administering vaccines up to four days early. If a vaccine is administered five or more days early, it is not considered valid and should be repeated as indicated on the Immunization Schedule. The CDC's [Timing and Spacing of Immunobiologics](#) has more information regarding the four-day grace period. Because of the way a live vaccine works to create an immune response once administered, live vaccines should be given during the same visit or 28 days (four weeks) apart.

2019 Kansas VFC Annual Enrollment is in process. [Click here](#) for information.

Submit by May 1, 2019.

Any provider who has not submitted by today will be contacted by the Kansas Immunization Program for immediate action.

Influenza Surveillance May 1, 2019



Influenza activity is decreasing across Kansas. The Influenza-Like Illness Surveillance Network (ILINet) sites continue to monitor patients for influenza-like illness (ILI) – symptoms include a fever ($\geq 100^{\circ}\text{F}$) and the presence of a cough and/or sore throat. During the week ending April 20, ILINet sites reported 1.3% of visits were due to ILI. Syndromic surveillance indicated 1.7% of visits to emergency departments in Kansas were due to ILI. All data is subject to change. The Kansas Health and Environmental Laboratories has detected A/H3 in 152 specimens, A/H1 in 67 specimens, influenza A (not subtyped) in three specimens and one influenza B (Victoria) specimen. Thirty-three influenza outbreaks have been reported to the Kansas Department of Health and Environment this season. Stay updated on influenza activity at <http://www.kdheks.gov/flu/surveillance.htm>.



2019 Kansas Childhood Immunization Champion Announced

Lyndsey Seested

2019 Kansas Childhood Immunization Champion



The Kansas Immunization Program is proud to announce that Lyndsey Seested, RN, with the Community Health Center of Southeast Kansas - Pleasanton has been selected as the *Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Childhood Immunization Champion* for Kansas. The CDC and the Association

of Immunization Managers (AIM) hold this annual awards program to honor immunization champions across the 50 U.S. states, eight U.S. Territories and Freely Associated States, and the District of Columbia during [National Infant Immunization Week](#) (April 27-May 4).

Ms. Seested was nominated and selected from a pool of health professionals, community advocates and other immunization leaders for making a significant contribution to public health in Kansas through her work in childhood immunizations.

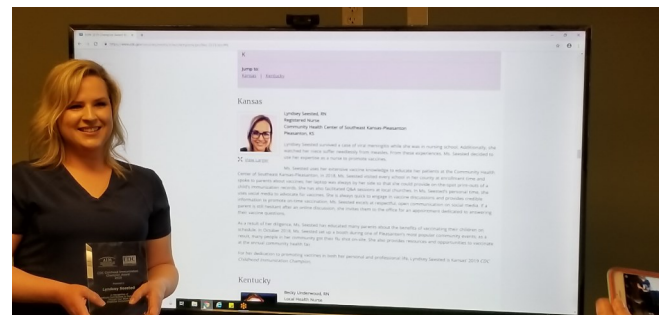
Ms. Seested survived a case of viral meningitis while she was in nursing school. Additionally, she watched her niece suffer needlessly from measles. From these experiences, Ms. Seested decided to use her expertise as a nurse to promote vaccines.

Young children rely on the champions in their lives

to keep them safe and healthy. Champions may be doctors and nurses who share scientifically accurate, up-to-date information about vaccines with parents. They may be advocates who go the extra mile to ensure that all children in their communities have access to vaccines. They may be public health professionals who work behind the scenes tracking immunization data, coordinating vaccine logistics, or developing public awareness campaigns. They may even be parents who share their personal stories about vaccination with their communities.

When families, healthcare professionals, and public health officials work together, all children can be protected from serious and deadly vaccine-preventable diseases. Lyndsey Seested is an inspiration to all of us who care about children's health in Kansas. We are pleased and honored to congratulate her on this well-deserved award.

To read [Lyndsey's profile](#) on the CDC's website, and to learn more about CDC's *Childhood Immunization Champion Award* program, please visit <https://www.cdc.gov/vaccines/champions>.



Lyndsey received the award in her office on April 29, at a surprise luncheon.



News From the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

Monday, April 29, 2019, CDC released a Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report (MMWR) article (https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6817e1.htm?s_cid=mm6817e1_w) with a summary of all of the measles cases reported from January 1-April 26, 2019.

Here are some key points from the article:

CDC has had reports of 704 cases of measles in the United States between January 1 and April 26 of 2019. This is the greatest number of cases reported in the United State since 1994 and also since measles was declared eliminated in 2000.

71% of the individuals with measles were unvaccinated, and another 18% had an unknown vaccination status. 11% were vaccinated.

Overall, 66 (9%) patients were hospitalized and 24 (3%) had pneumonia. No deaths or cases of encephalitis were reported to CDC.

There have been 13 outbreaks reported in 2019. Six outbreaks occurred in under immunized close-knit communities and account for almost 90% of all cases.

New York and New York City have accounted for 67% of all of the reported measles cases this year so far.

The vast majority (98%) of the cases were U.S. residents. Forty-four of the cases were the result of an international traveler (usually a U.S. resident) becoming infected in another country and returning to the United States.

9 out of 10 of those individuals who became infected during international travel were either unvaccinated or had an unknown vaccination status, although all were eligible to get vaccinated according to their ages.

The top three countries where travelers became infected so far in 2019 include the Philippines, Ukraine, and Israel.

Here is general information about measles and MMR vaccine:

- Individuals may not be vaccinated for many reasons. Some adults may not be aware they need the vaccine. Some children may not be up-to-date either because the child is unable to be vaccinated or because the caregiver refuses or delays vaccination.
- Measles can be serious. There is no way to predict how bad a case will be. There is no treatment or cure for measles. Some children may

have very mild symptoms but others may face more serious complications, like pneumonia and encephalitis.

CDC's MMR vaccine routine recommendations are as follows:

- Children 12 months of age or older should have 2 doses, the first dose at age 12 to 15 month and the second dose between 4 to 6 years.
- Adults who do not have evidence of immunity should get at least one dose of MMR vaccine.
- Certain persons should receive two doses of MMR. This includes healthcare personnel (not just clinical staff), students at post-secondary institutions (such as colleges or vocational schools), and international travelers

CDC's MMR vaccine travel recommendations are as follows for international travel:

- Infants 6 months through 11 months of age should have 1 dose of MMR vaccine.
- Children 12 months of age and older should receive two doses of MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days.
- Adults with documentation of one dose of MMR vaccine should get a second dose. Adults who do not have evidence of immunity against measles should get two doses of MMR vaccine, separated by at least 28 days.

Providers should NOT use self-reports of MMR vaccination as proof of immunity. If there is no record of vaccination or proof of immunity, the patient should be vaccinated.

The CDC is asking the public to make sure all family members are up-to-date on MMR vaccine, including before international travel. Health care providers can help them determine if they need more vaccine doses if traveling.

The CDC is also encouraging all health care providers to not miss any opportunity to vaccinate patients who are behind on MMR vaccine, especially those who are traveling internationally and/or living in or near communities with measles outbreaks.

Please visit www.cdc.gov/measles for more information or e-mail DVDCcommunications@cdc.gov with any questions.



2019 Kansas Immunization Conference

We are pleased to announce that the hotel contracts have been signed and room blocks are now available at seven hotels in Salina for the 2019 Kansas Immunization Conference. Please see the chart below for a list of hotels and details related to number of rooms in our block, room rate and deadline for guaranteed rate. Note that rooms will book quickly in Salina, particularly for the last night as the annual River Festival will follow our conference. When booking, please mention the Kansas Immunization Conference to get the rate listed.

Hotel	Rooms	Rate	Deadline	Phone
Hilton Garden Inn	10	\$132	5/9/2019	785-309-0440
Country Inn and Suites	43	\$82	6/1/2019	785-827-1271
Hampton Inn	90	\$129	5/27/2019	785-823-9800
Holiday Inn Salina	5	129.99 Doubles	5/11/2019	785-404-6767
Holiday Inn Salina	35	\$94 King	5/11/2019	785-404-6767
Holiday Inn Express	30	\$94	5/10/2019	785-404-3300
Candlewood Suites	20	\$85 Singles	5/13/2019	785-823-6939
Candlewood Suites	10	\$94 Doubles	5/13/2019	785-823-6939
Courtyard by Marriott	15	\$129	5/5/2019	785-309-1300

2019 KANSAS IMMUNIZATION CONFERENCE

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FOR MORE INFORMATION
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(620) 235-4040
Brochure to follow.

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Kansas Immunization Program— Knowledge Injection Series (KIP-KIS)— We're Not There Yet...Strategies Toward Improving HPV Vaccination in Kansas

May 16, 2019 (noon-1 p.m.)



Gretchen Homan, M.D.
Associate Professor,
Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics,
Department of Pediatrics
KU School of Medicine-Wichita

Dr. Homan is an associate professor in the department of pediatrics at The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. She earned her M.D. from the University of Kansas in 2004 before working in the NICU at Wesley Medical Center in Wichita. She then moved on to work as a general pediatrician at Cottonwood Pediatrics in Newton before joining the University of Kansas as a general pediatrician and assistant professor. Dr. Homan is a member of several organizations including the American Academy of Pediatrics, Kansas Medical Society, Quality Improvement Innovation Network of AAP, and the Academic Pediatric Association. Additionally, she been named an American Academy of Pediatrics Champion for Oral Health as well as an American Academy of Pediatrics Recognized Leader.



Kari Harris, M.D.
Director, Adolescent Medicine,
Division of Ambulatory Pediatrics;
Associate Professor,
KU School of Medicine-Wichita

Dr. Harris is the director of the adolescent medicine section and an associate professor of pediatrics at The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. She earned her M.D. from The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita in 2007. She began her career as a clinical instructor before advancing to an assistant professor then to associate professor, all at The University of Kansas School of Medicine-Wichita. Dr. Harris is a member of the American Academy of Pediatrics and is the president of the Midwest Regional Chapter of the Society for Adolescent Health and Medicine.

LEARNING OBJECTIVES

At the conclusion of this session participants should be able to:

1. Review background information on HPV disease and vaccine.
2. Discuss vaccination strategies and counseling.
3. Explore pro-vaccination culture.

CONTINUING EDUCATION CREDIT

All participants requesting continuing education credit or a certificate of attendance must complete documentation of attendance and evaluation form online within the timeframe noted.

FOR MORE INFORMATION

For more information about this program, contact the KU Medical Center AHEC at (620) 235-4040.

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Kansas Academy of Family Physicians (KAFP) invites you to the 2019 KAFP Annual Meeting: "Connect. Interact. Learn." June 6-8 at the Wichita Marriott. This is your opportunity to network with fellow family physicians, participate in Academy business and earn up to 20.5 CME credits. KAFP is pleased to offer a pre-conference session 'MAT Waiver Training' on June 5, free for KAFP members and only \$50 for non-members. Register for the MAT Waiver training with your Annual Meeting registration [\[click here\]](#) or as a separate event [\[click here\]](#). Visit www.kafponline.org/annualmeeting/ for Annual Meeting schedule, registration and more!

June 5, 2019 | 1 – 5:30 p.m.

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CME sessions encompass social determinants of health, wound care, smart technology with children, long acting reversible contraception, POCUS, prostate cancer, COPD, obesity, diabetes, pediatrics, lupus and more. [View the full schedule here.](#)

Please contact the KAFP office at 316-721-9005 or e-mail kafp@kafponline.org with questions about the meeting or registration. We hope you will join us to Connect. Interact. Learn!

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This Live activity, Kansas-AFP 2019 Annual Meeting, with a beginning date of June 5, has been reviewed and is acceptable for up to 20.50 Prescribed credit(s) by the American Academy of Family Physicians. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity. Physicians should claim only the credit commensurate with the extent of their participation in the activity.

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